

From: Elizabeth Buenger Hughes
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 10:44 AM
Subject: Relaxation of Regulations vs. Gurantees of Variety

Sir:

Our household of four adults is extremely concerned about the increasing failure of your commission to monitor, and prevent, the concentration of media ownership in all its forms -- electronic and print alike -- in the hands of a limited few.

There was a time within our collective memories when we could count on a wide range of reporting and entertainment through these media, both when we lived in metropolitan areas and when our employment took us to more remote locations in the United States. There were strict limitations on ownership of different means of communication within a market, and that broad diversity of ownership and control gave us those wide-ranging choices. Diversity and variety resulted from many voices in the market, and from ready access to the public marketplace.

You are in a position to know, far better than we are, how concentrated ownership and control has become in the last several years. Now, without a lot of different owners, we don't get that rich mix of choices, and we understand that your commission is proposing to allow even more concentrated ownership. And what's worse, you're apparently considering allowing this concentration to get even worse.

What happened to PUBLIC airwaves? What happened to public service broadcasting and public access in the electronic media? How come almost the only thing we can get on FM stations is religious nuts? How did they get such complete control? It has to be because the commission doesn't do enforcement any longer. Is our only recourse to Congress???

Please do your jobs; don't permit greater concentration, but rather impose on the already too concentrated markets enough divestiture that the public can be better served on our own airwaves, and that our print media (especially our newspapers) will share that diversification.

David Russell Georgics
Elizabeth Bangor Hughes
Timothy William Hughes
Mary End Murky

From: LizonMorton Perle
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 11:48 AM
Subject: protect democracy

We need more independent ownership of radio, TV and newspapers. Protect our country and democracy by voting to NOT allow further consolidation of ownership of communications.

Morton and Elizabeth Perle

From: EnidRtiger@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 11:49 AM
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT

DIVERSITY AND OPENNESS IN OUR NATION'S MEDIA!

We urge you to open the Rule=-making process to the public and to Congress.

Please give the ordinary citizens open access to the media, without the
Power Overs having overwhelming right to govern what we are allowed to see.

Our Democracy is threatened.

A concerned citizen,

Enid R. Williams

From: Joanna Hoskins
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 11:49 AM
Subject: Impending FCC rulings

I am a member of that "public" to whom the airways presumably belong. I believe your thinking that "the market" will produce sufficient variety in radio, TV and newspapers is mistaken. If there are monopolies of ownership, there will be monopolies of information.

Radio, TV and newspapers are sources of information, opinion and community activities - not principally "markets." To mega-owners, however, they are ONLY markets. I believe it is the responsibility of the FCC to balance these competing interests, not simply to roll over for the monopolies.

Thank you,
Joanna Hoskins, Ph.D.
Psychologist
Eugene, OR

From: Justyn Krieg, OP
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 12:56 PM
Subject: "NO" voteonownership deregulations

Dear FCC members; I would like to ask you for a no vote on deregulations.

Thank you for your support Justyn Krieg

From: Kwiturkidn@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 12:56 PM
Subject: (no subject)

"On June 2nd, 2003 FCC Chairman Michael Powell and several other Republican commissioners are expected to usher in the most sweeping changes to the rules governing media ownership in the history of our nation."

"As dissident FCC Commissioner Michael Copps told Bill Moyers in a recent interview: 3If you take this to its logical conclusion, you could end up with a situation where one company owns the newspaper, the television station, the radio station and the cable system.♣" excerpted from Democracy on the Rocks: The Impending Media Megopoly
by Sharleen Leahey

Never in our history has it been more important for differing voices to have legitimate outlets. This has always been a tenet of democracy and one that seems in imminent danger of being dissipated, if not completely eliminated.

As a United States citizen I respectfully ask that you do not participate in any activity that will reduce the availability and access of the public at large to the views and opinions of the many. It seems to me a sad state of affairs in America, when the most unbiased news of the day can only be found on the BBC.

Thank you for taking the time to read my opinion.

N. D. Wheeler

From: CopperSoft@aol.com
To: Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 1:14 PM
Subject: No Subject

Let me add my voiced to the consensus.

Please, do NOT loosen the rules restricting station ownership.

Thank you.

Norm Copperman, Palo Alto, CA

From: STRUT122@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 1:25 PM
Subject: De-regulation

Dear Commissioner Copps:

This is to let you know that I Odette Mc Millan am strongly against the de-regulation of the airwaves. This country is already suffering from a lack of diversity in programming and allowing (through de-regulation) a few large corporations to dictate what the American public sees and hears will only add to this lack of diversity.

I strongly urge you to re-consider this move.

Yours truly,
Odette Mc Millan

From: DoloS@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 1:49 PM
Subject: Bravo!!

I have been watching the C-SPAN program showing your get together concerning deregulating of FCC regs regarding ownership and possible monopolies of our information sources. Please add my name to those opposing such changes. Keep up the great work. What a treat to be able to listen to such a well goal for we the people. Thanks you again for your work. Good luck!

Dolores Sebastian
Middletown, DE

From: james heflin
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 2:41 PM
Subject: My airwaves

Dear Commissioners:

You are the stewards of my airwaves. Americans are the landlords, you merely the rental agents. I don't like to see my airwaves used by a shrinking number of companies, to whom I then have to trust the flow of information. If they are so good at disseminating news, why have the biggest media companies avoided almost any mention of your upcoming plan to open the doors to further consolidation?

I want the free flow of information, whether I agree with the opinions expressed or not. I want a healthy democracy, not a constricted flow of information controlled by a handful of CEOs. You should not put the flow of vital information in the hands of so few. You will not be proper landlords if you rent our henhouse to a fox.

At the very least, if you are so enamored of free flow of information and opinion, you should allow time for a very public debate about the use of our airwaves.

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James Heflin
Staff Writer
The Valley Advocate

And mark my words, the calculated intimidation which we see so often of late by the "powers that be" will only keep the loyal opposition quiet for just so long. Because eventually, like it always does, the truth will emerge.

- Senator Robert Byrd, May 21, 2003

From: Molly Karpin
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 3:35 PM
Subject: stop the concentration of power in the hands of a few

I am writing to you because you are an FCC commissioner who will be voting next week on an important issue.

As an American, a voter, and a very concerned citizen, I am ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED to the concentration of the media in the hands of a few.

I am asking you to please vote to stop this abomination. If you vote to allow this consolidation, that will be the end of freedom in our country. The media must ALWAYS be open and free. To allow a few huge companies to control EVERYTHING that is seen and heard and published in this country is tantamount to dictatorship.

Please do not let this happen!

Thank you. M. Karpin

From: John Fineberg
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 3:42 PM
Subject: Act Now To Protect Our Airwaves

Dear Commissioners,

The "public airwaves" are NOT to be sold to the highest bidder. If these broadcasting conglomerates are allowed to be formed, they will not only result in (even more) bland television programming, their control of the airwaves will effectively annihilate one major source of news reporting. You have a responsibility to protect these airwaves. Please comply with that responsibility.

John Fineberg
Minneapolis, MN

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From: Claudia
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 3:54 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Commissioners:

The proposal to weaken rules governing how many TV stations one company can own, and to permit a company to own newspapers and television stations in the same local market, is a direct attack on the freedom of speech. It would allow a few huge conglomerates to monopolize what we see, hear and read in the media.

I oppose the FCC's proposal to deregulate media ownership rules. Please consider your duty to the Constitution: it is more important than corporate profits.

Sincerely,
Claudia Woodward-Rice
Honolulu, HI 96728

From: Craig Harvey
To: FCC FCCINFO, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 4:36 PM
Subject: Please Stop the movement toward "1984"

Dear Ms. Abernathy and Mssrs. Powell, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

While I cannot imagine the pressure you are probably under to further deregulate the mass media in this country, I can easily imagine that each of you is an intelligent individual who understands the large scale ramifications of consolidation of the communications industry. Therefore I beseech you to examine your own heart and the future impacts on the children of this country (and the world) in your decision. If you really believe that concentration of media will yield a better future for them, then you may as well start telling them how wonderful you think fascism is. And I'd like to receive copies of those notes so I can attempt to understand your viewpoint.

Thanks for your consideration,

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From: Michael W. Robbins
To: Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 4:57 PM
Subject: regulation changes

> Dear Sir,

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> I have spent my life and professional career working for mass (and some
> not-so-mass) communications organizations, including newspapers, magazines (
> one of them owned by Murdoch) and television.

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> I cannot fathom how permitting additional concentration of ownership and
> control of media interests serves the public interest. And safeguarding the
> public interest is your responsibility. Do you imagine that the Rupert
> Murdochs of the world intend to act in the best interests of anything or
> anyone but their own profits and power?

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> Competitive and independent media are essential to a functioning democracy,
> and our democracy is already beleaguered. We need you to do your job and act
> for the common good.

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> Hopefully,

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> Michael W. Robbins

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> "Journalists aren't cheerleaders."

> --Pete Hamill

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From: lageer@wm.edu
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 5:42 PM
Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear FCC Commissioners and Chairman Powell,

cc: my members of Congress

I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to delay the unnecessarily rushed vote on media ownership scheduled for June 2nd.

Sincerely,
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From: Jeff Dion
To: 'sf.nancy@mail.house.gov', Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 7:00 PM
Subject: Docket No. 02-277

Hello Ms. Pelosi and members of the FCC:

I am taking the time to write this note to you personally so that it is absolutely clear that the following is my own opinion and not the results of a mass mailing.

I believe that the decisions before the FCC in June, Docket No. 02-277, are of critical importance. I do not make my living in broadcast media -- I am simply a citizen.

Many people will write to you stating that further deregulation of media ownership will lead to an oppressive political bias in all broadcast media. That may be true.

More significant, however, is the long-standing failure of "consolidated" broadcast media to present consumers with anything resembling a free market. This is not only damaging to our culture, but it harms the very entertainment conglomerates that find consolidated broadcast media so profitable.

An example: The music industry has been screaming for years about the proliferation of illegal downloading and duplication of recorded music. I ask you, what other venue does the music consumer have by which to sample wares before making a purchase? If a music consumer turns on the radio, or the television, they are shut off from the vast majority of available recorded music product. Radio, in particular, presents consumers with the sonic equivalent of a Soviet-era grocery store.

Allowing further monopolization of broadcast media by a short-sighted entertainment industry will drive consumers to replace the radio and the television with more viable broadcast technologies. This is not a crackpot vision: "File Sharing" software is a devastating contemporary example.

You will note that your organization has no say over the content broadcasted by "File Sharing" software.

Thank you for your time,

Jeff Dion